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SUBJECT: UNDP: 20TH SESSION OF GOVERNING COUNCIL

BEGIN SUMMARY: 20TH GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSION OPENED WITH
THOUGHTFUL STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SWISS CONFEDERA-
TION. CHAIRMAN IVAN (HUNGARY) NEXT MADE BRIEF REFERENCE
TO WORLD WORLD II ANNIVERSARY AND CHANCES FOR PEACEFUL DEVELOP-
MENT IN INDOCHINA. ADMINISTRATOR PETERSON'S ADDRESS FOCUSED
LARGELY ON UNDP'S CAPACITY TO REACH PROBLEMS OF THE POOR MORE
EFFECTIVELY AND IN RESPONSE TO THE RECENT DIRECTIVES OF THE
UNGA. NEARLY ALL 48 MEMBERS OF GOVERNING COUNCIL HAVE
REQUESTED OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO ADMINISTRATOR'S ANNUAL
REPORT, HIS REVIEW OF UNDP'S EFFECTIVENESS, AND HIS RANGE
OF NEW DIMENSIONS DIRECTED TOWARD SECOND CYCLE. U.S. AID
ADMINISTRATOR PARKER DELIVERED SIGHT-LIFTING ADDRESS ON
JUNE 12 STRESSING THE INFINITE HUMAN RESOURCE AND THE POSITIVE
PTOTENTIAL FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENTDURING NEW ERA OF INCREASING
INTERDEPENDENCE. FRG, UK, BELGIUM DELIVERED PARTICULARLY
THOUGHTFUL MESSAGES, THOUGH SUCH DELEGATIONS AS
NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN, INDIA, ET AL, ARE PUSHING FOR
GENERAL ADOPTION OF NEW DIMENSIONS NOTE, DP/114.
U.S., FRG AND UK WILL RESIST ANY SUCH CARTE BLANCHE
ENDORSEMENT AT THIS SESSION. END SUMMARY.

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1. OPENING MORNING OF 20TH SESSION DEVOTED TO ADDRESS-

ES BY PRESIDENT OF SWISS CONFEDERATION, UNDP ADMINIS-
TRATOR, AND CHAIRMAN OF SESSION. PRESIDENT GRABER
ASSERTED THAT, DESPITE DIFFICULTIES, "UNDP HAD SUCCESS-
FULLY ACCOMPLISHED TASK HUMANITY EXPECTING FROM IT".
CALLING ON DC'S TO INTEGRATE COOPERATION ACTIVITIES,
HE URGED THAT AID SHOULD REFLECT PRIORITIES AND
PRASIED OIL-EXPORTING COUNTRIES FOR ASSISTANCE TO
LDC'S. LOOKING BOTH TO PAST FOUNDATIONS AND ACCOM-
PLISHMENTS AND TO FUTURE NEEDS, PETERSON COUNSELLED
ACCEPTANCE OF NEW OUTLOOKS AND ATTITUDES. EMPHASIZING
FINANCIAL ISSUES, HE CALLED FOR GREATER CONTRIBUTIONS
AND MORE EQUITABLE BURDEN SHARING. MAJOR OIL EXPORTERS
SHOULD BE AIDED IN EMPLOYING THEIR FUNDS FOR MAXIMUM
BENEFIT FOR OTHER LDC'S. HE CALLED FOR GREATER LINKS
BETWEEN PLANNING AND OPERATIONS WITHIN UNDP SYSTEM AND
STRESSED OBJECTIVES OF EFFICIENCY AND FLEXIBILITY.

2. PROMOTING A THEME TO BE REPEATED BY SUBSEQUENT
COMMUNIST SPEAKERS, CHAIRMAN IVAN ASKED THAT UNDP
DIG DOWN TO ROOTS OF PROBLEMS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT IN LDC'S. THE PROGRESSIVE PEOPLES
OF WORLD SHOULD ADI VICTORS IN INDOCHINA. ITEMS FOR
DISCUSSION DURING SESSION WILL INCLUDE: ESTABLISH-
MENT OF "NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER"; UNDP
DEVELOPMENT ROLE IN CONTEXT OF GA'S 7TH SPECIAL SESSION;
REPORT ON DROUGHT-STRICKEN REGIONS OF AFRICA; ACTIONS
FOVORING COLONIAL PEOPLES; UNDP'S FINANCES AND RE-
SOURCES FOR 1977-81; AND ANNUAL UNFPA REPORT. TEXTS
OF GRABER AND PETERSON REMARKS BEING POUCHED.

3. ADMINISTRATOR PARKER'S REMARKS NOTED CONFLUENCE
DURING PAST 25 YEARS OF BURGEONING NATIONAL INDEPEN-
DENCE AND GROWING SENSE OF INTERNATIONAL INTERDEPEN-
DENCE. CALLING FOR FULL DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF HUMAN
RESOURCES, HE IDENTIFIED A CRUCIAL ROLE FOR UNDP IN
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND RESEARCH. FOCUS SHOULD BE
ON POORER NATIONS HAVING PER CAPITA GNP UNDER \$300
PER ANNUM AS ADVOCATED IN UNDP PROPOSALS. EXPRESSING GENERAL
APPROVAL OF "NEW DIMENSIONS", MR. PARKER PLEDGED CON-
TINUED U.S. SUPPORT FOR UNDP IN REALIZATION OF MANKIND'S
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BASIC ASPIRATION. TEXTS BEING POUCHED.

4. EMERGING ISSUES AS JUDGED FROM FIRST THREE DAYS
OF FORMAL COUNTRY PRESENTATION FOCUSED ON THREE
DOCUMENTS (DP 114, ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT, DP 116 ON
EXPERIENCE WITH COUNTRY PROGRAMMING TO DATE) AND
INCLUDE: THE USABILITY OF NONCONVERTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS;
TAILORING OF PROJECTS TO SUIT AID OFFERED BY COMMUNIST

DONORS; ESTABLISHING NORMS FOR DONOR SUPPORT; AND INFLATION AS IT AFFECTS USEFUL LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR UNDP AND REFLECTS ALLEGED ECONOMIC FAILINGS IN THE WEST.

5. DESPITE LOFTY AND WELL-RECEIVED U.S. STATEMENT, U.S. STANDS OUT AS HAVING RENEGED ON CONTRIBUTION COMMITMENTS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO NETHERLANDS WHICH ANNOUNCED A \$5 MILLION INCREASE, TO BELGIUM WHICH WILL INCREASE ITS CONTRIBUTIONS BY TWO-THIRDS AND TO UK WHICH IS INCREASING CONTRIBUTIONS BY 1 MILLION POUNDS FOR TOTAL IN 1975 OF 11.25 MILLION STERLING. MOREOVER, THESE DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED BY OTHERS AND SECRETARIAT, USING THEIR IMPROVED CONTRIBUTIONS POSITION TO ARGUE AGAINST U.S. LEADERSHIP OF MAJOR MULTILATERAL FINANCIAL AGENCIES (UNDP, UNICEF, ETC.)

6. ADDITIONAL AREA FOR CONTROVERSY WILL BE INJECTION OF SO-CALLED TRANS-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS INTO UNCP PLANNING AND FINANCING. LDC'S TEND TO VIEW PROPOSAL WITH DEEP SUSPICION IF NOT REVULSION ALTHOUGH KUWAIT AND PAKISTAN IMPLIED TRANS-NATIONALS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO MAKE NON-DISRUPTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO WORK OF UNDP.

7. UK RECOMMENDED DELEGATION OF ROUTINE DECISIONS TO A GOVERNING BOARD OF UNDP MEETING REGULARLY IN NYC WITH MAJOR QUESTIONS RESERVED FOR GOVERNING COUNCIL WHICH WOULD MEET ON ANNUAL OR BIENNIAL BASIS.

8. OTHER POINTS SURFACED INCLUDED DECENTRALIZATION AND GREATER AUTONOMY FOR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES (INDONESIA, NEW ZEALAND), MORE EMPHASIS ON REGIONALLY ORIENTED PROGRAMS (FRANCE, JAPAN), GENERAL PRAISE
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FOR NEW DIMENSIONS AS SET FORTH IN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND EAGERNESS TO WELCOME THE UNDEFINED BUT UTOPIAN "NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER". THE ROLE OF THE UNDP AS A CAPITAL-DISPENSING AGENCY WAS ALTERNATELY CONDEMNED AND DENIED. MANY SPEAKERS URGED CONCENTRATION ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL SOCIETIES (AUSTRIA, JAPAN). THE USE OF INDIGENOUS AS OPPOSED TO EXPATRIATE EXPERTS WAS RECOMMENDED. CHINA ALONE DEMANDED CESSATION OF AID TO ISRAEL AND HONG KONG.

9. LDC'S IN GENERAL FAVOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND COUNTERPART TRAINING. ALSO URGE UNDP INVOLVEMENT AT ALL STAGES OF PROJECTS INCLUDING PROVISION OF FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND INFRA-STRUCTURE. FLEXI-

BILITY WAS RECURRING THEME. YUGOSLAVIA DOUBTED THE EFFICACY OF ADHERING SHARPLY TO PER CAPITA INCOME AS A CRITERION FOR AID. IN MILD AND REALATIVELY UNPOLITICAL STATEMENT, USSR CALLED FOR GREATER EFFICIENCY AND FLEXIBILITY IN UNDP ACTIVIEY, COMPLAINED OF PAUCITY OF SOCIALIST EXPERTS IN UNDP PROJECTS, REJECTED NORMS FOR DONORS, AND POINTED TO RUSSIAN SUCCESS IN CADRE TRAINING. IN FINAL REMARKS OF WEEK, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WHO PRAISED UNDP NEW DIMENSIONS AND PROMISED COORDINATION WITH A STRENGTHENED UNDP. HE ASSERTED THAT HEALTH WITH ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR POPULAR ENERGIES AND ENTHUSIAMIS IS AN INTERGRAL PART OF DEVELOPMENT. MODEST INVESTMENT IN HEALTH PROGRAMS CAN THUS BRING HIGH RETURNS IN SOCIAL IMPROVEMENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH. DALE

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